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APOLLO	108.15	116.74	-7.36%
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BHARATFORG	951.6	1026.05	-7.26%
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Defense Business and Industry

BEL Secures ₹2,385 Crore Deal for Mi-17 V5 EW Upgrades

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The Indian Ministry of Defence has signed a significant contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) valued at Rs 2,385.36 crore for the acquisition of Electronic Warfare (EW) Suites and modification kits for Mi-17 V5 helicopters, marking a major advancement in indigenous defense capabilities. This project, which falls under the Buy (Indian-Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured) category, aims to enhance the operational survivability of these helicopters in hostile environments, with most components sourced from Indian manufacturers, thereby promoting the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative and supporting local industries, including MSMEs. The EW Suite includes advanced systems like Radar Warning Receiver (RWR), Missile Approach Warning System (MAWS), and Counter Measure Dispensing System (CMDS), developed by CASDIC and DRDO, and manufactured by BEL. This contract not only boosts BEL's order intake for the current financial year to Rs 2,803 crore but also signifies a strategic leap towards self-reliance in defense technology, reinforcing India's commitment to enhancing its military capabilities amidst evolving geopolitical challenges. The emphasis on indigenous development reflects India's determination to strengthen its defense sector and reduce dependency on foreign suppliers, ultimately contributing to national security and industrial growth.

Solar Defence Launches MALE/HALE UAVs with Indian Army Support

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Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited has made significant strides in India's defense sector by developing advanced UAVs and mine systems with the backing of the Indian Army. The company is creating Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) and High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE) drones to fill capability gaps left by the slow progress of the DRDO's projects, aiming to enhance India's indigenous UAV landscape. Additionally, the introduction of innovative mine systems, Tandav and Bhoomastra, showcases Solar Defence's proactive approach in response to evolving military needs, particularly through the Drone Based Mine Detection & Diffusion System (DBMDADS). This dual-drone system aims to revolutionize mine clearance operations, improving efficiency and safety for the Indian Army. The broader implications of these developments reflect India's strategic push for self-reliance in defense technology and an emphasis on private sector involvement, aligning with the government's 'Make in India' initiative.

Indian DefSpace Symposium 2025: Leaders Urge Defense-Space Collaboration

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The Indian DefSpace Symposium 2025 commenced in New Delhi, aiming to enhance collaboration between the defense and space sectors, with prominent leaders like General Anil Chauhan emphasizing the importance of space in modern warfare. The discussions highlighted India's strategic initiatives, including the establishment of the Defence Space Agency and partnerships with private industries to develop military satellites and capabilities. Key speakers advocated for

a robust space doctrine that integrates advanced technologies such as AI and quantum computing to maintain a competitive edge. The symposium serves as a pivotal platform for fostering innovation and cooperation to secure India's position as a leader in the defense space domain.

Indian Army Enhances Air Defense with Three Indigenous Systems SHARE

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The Indian Army is enhancing its air defense capabilities by deploying three indigenous systems: the MR-SAM, QRSAM, and VSHORADS, covering a full spectrum of aerial threats. The MR-SAM, operationalized in 2023, aims to replace outdated Russian systems and integrate with ballistic missile defenses. The QRSAM features advanced radar and targeting technology, while the VSHORADS, optimized for low-altitude threats, has successfully completed trials. This comprehensive, multi-tiered air defense architecture signifies India's commitment to self-reliance in defense, reducing foreign dependency and showcasing remarkable advancements in indigenous military technology. Overall, these developments reflect India's strategic intent to bolster national security significantly.

Home Minister Unveils Advanced Surveillance to Strengthen Border Security SHARE

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced the deployment of an advanced electronic surveillance system at India's borders to enhance security and counter infiltration by terrorists, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir. During his visit to the Border Outpost in Kathua district, he emphasized the importance of technology in detecting and dismantling underground cross-border tunnels, enabling immediate responses to threats. Shah praised the Border Security Force (BSF) for their relentless dedication, highlighting their crucial role in national defense, especially during challenging conditions. The integration of modern technology underscores India's commitment to bolstering border security and maintaining sovereignty against adversarial actions.

BrahMos Unveils World's Fastest Cruise Missile at Brazil Expo SHARE

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BrahMos Aerospace showcased its advanced BrahMos missile system at the LAAD exhibition in Brazil,

emphasizing its status as the world's fastest cruise missile, capable of Mach 3 speeds, with a range of 290 kilometers and enhanced combat effectiveness. This system employs a two-stage propulsion mechanism, ensuring superior fuel efficiency and making it hard to intercept, which greatly enhances tactical advantages. The cooperation between India and Brazil is highlighted, with BrahMos expressing hope for interest from the Brazilian armed forces in acquiring the missile. While faster missiles exist, BrahMos stands out in operational capability, solidifying India's position as a key player in the defense market.

Dvipa Defence to Supply 10 Ugram Rifles to BSF for Trials SHARE

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Hyderabad-based Dvipa Defence is set to supply 10 Ugram assault rifles to the Border Security Force (BSF) for trials, marking a significant step in India's push for self-reliance in defense production. The Ugram, developed in collaboration with DRDO, is designed to meet the Indian Army's needs with a 7.62x51mm caliber and has outperformed imported options in previous evaluations. If successful in the BSF trials, the Ugram could enhance India's small arms ecosystem, although it must prove reliability with local ammunition and address concerns regarding logistical complexity. This initiative aligns with the Atmanirbhar Bharat campaign, reducing dependence on foreign arms while bolstering indigenous capabilities.

Uralvagonzavod Introduces Innovative T-90 Tank Without Turret SHARE

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Uralvagonzavod has unveiled a new modification of the T-90 tank that departs from traditional designs by eliminating the rotating turret, a feature that has been integral to Soviet and Russian tanks. This shift prioritizes improved protection and firepower, addressing vulnerabilities associated with turrets, such as the risk of catastrophic damage during direct hits. The new design reflects a significant evolution in armored warfare, aligning with global trends towards enhanced survivability and unmanned capabilities. This innovative approach may influence future military strategies and engagements, showcasing Russia's adaptability in modern combat scenarios while highlighting the need for India to continually innovate in its own defense capabilities.

IAF Needs to Simplify Fighter Fleet for Greater Efficiency [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) faces operational challenges due to its diverse fleet of fighter jets, comprising MiG-21s, Su-30MKIs, Rafales, and others, which complicates logistics and maintenance. To enhance efficiency and combat readiness, experts suggest streamlining to three to four jet types, notably the indigenous Tejas and AMCA, which would reduce costs and improve serviceability. This shift is critical as China's PLAAF adopts a more uniform approach, and the IAF currently operates below its sanctioned squadron strength. Emphasizing commonality in engines and roles can bolster India's air power while addressing pilot shortages and maintenance issues.

Prime Toolings Launches Game-Changing Rotating Detonation Engine for Missiles [SHARE](#)

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Bangalore-based Prime Toolings has unveiled a groundbreaking Rotating Detonation Engine (RDE) for short-range missiles, a significant advancement that enhances India's defense capabilities. This innovative propulsion system promises superior efficiency with up to 25% greater fuel efficiency compared to traditional engines, potentially increasing missile ranges to 300-500 km. The RDE's compact design and advanced materials position it as a game-changer for tactical battlefield operations, aligning with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative for self-reliance in defense. Successful initial ground tests indicate a promising future for this technology, which could significantly bolster India's indigenous military manufacturing and strategic deterrent capabilities.

IAF Pursues Aerostat System to Boost Low-Level Radar Coverage [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is seeking an aerostat-based system to enhance low-level radar and communication coverage, essential for monitoring India's diverse and challenging terrains, particularly along borders with China and Pakistan. This portable system, capable of operating at 5 kilometers altitude, will integrate advanced radar and communication capabilities, allowing for real-time situational awareness and effective response to low-flying threats. Its ability to cover a range of 80-120 kilometers, along with rapid deployment features, addresses operational resilience and resource constraints in remote locations. The IAF's

initiative underscores its commitment to maintaining a robust air defense network, ensuring strategic advantage in sensitive areas.

Jaguar Crash Sparks IAF to Seek Private Sector Ejection Seat Aid [SHARE](#)

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The recent crash of an Indian Air Force (IAF) Jaguar aircraft has raised urgent concerns regarding the aging Martin-Baker Mk9 ejection seats, which led to a pilot's death and another's serious injury. With less than 140 operational seats and minimal OEM support, the IAF is struggling to maintain these vital systems due to supply chain issues. In response, the IAF is turning to private sector companies for assistance in sourcing necessary spare parts. This situation underscores the critical need for modernization and support for the Jaguar fleet to ensure pilot safety and operational readiness amidst increasing challenges in maintaining legacy systems.

IAF Aims for Advanced Supersonic Stealth UCAV by 2040 [SHARE](#)

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is advancing its unmanned warfare capabilities with plans for a supersonic Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV) featuring a 4-ton internal weapons bay and supercruise capability alongside the ongoing development of the Ghatak UCAV, which has a 1.5-ton capacity. While Ghatak focuses on stealth and deep-penetration strikes, the supersonic UCAV aims to outmatch regional rivals like China and Russia. This ambitious initiative underscores India's commitment to enhancing its defense capabilities, as the IAF seeks to integrate advanced technologies such as AI and indigenous development, with operational induction expected around 2035-2040.

Odisha's ₹8000 Crore Titanium Complex to Strengthen Aerospace Sector [SHARE](#)

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Odisha's government has approved an ambitious Rs 8000 crore titanium complex in Ganjam, a joint venture with Kazakhstan's UKTMP JSC, aimed at enhancing India's aerospace sector and self-reliance in strategic materials. This project will transform low-grade ilmenite into high-grade titanium feedstock, crucial for defense and space technologies, benefiting organizations like ISRO and DRDO. The initiative is expected to create thousands of jobs, bolster the local economy, stimulate ancillary industries, and attract further investments, while also strengthening India's position in the global

titanium market by ensuring a steady supply of titanium slag and generating valuable foreign exchange.

Tata Advanced Systems Enhances India's Aerospace Sector with New Facility in Karnataka



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Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) is set to enhance India's aerospace and defense capabilities by establishing a state-of-the-art aircraft manufacturing facility in Vemgal, Karnataka, following a lease-cum-sale agreement valued at ₹29.34 crore. This facility will feature a final assembly line and Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) capabilities, aligning with the government's Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives to bolster self-reliance in defense production. TASL's strategic location in Karnataka, known for its skilled workforce and robust infrastructure, will further strengthen India's position in the global aerospace supply chain, emphasizing its commitment to reducing reliance on foreign imports and fostering innovation in critical sectors.

DMSRDE Launches Innovative Boots to Protect Soldiers from Landmines



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The Defence Materials and Stores Research and Development Establishment (DMSRDE) has launched two innovative boot designs to enhance soldier safety in hazardous environments, particularly landmine-prone and Naxal-affected areas. These boots incorporate advanced materials to withstand landmine explosions and protect against sharp spikes, significantly reducing injury risks while maintaining mobility for troops. The development aligns with India's AatmaNirbhar Bharat vision, promoting self-reliance in defense technologies. By leveraging indigenous materials and engineering, DMSRDE not only addresses critical soldier safety challenges but also positions India as an emerging leader in protective gear innovation on the global stage, potentially enhancing operational efficiency and reducing casualties.

India Achieves Self-Sufficiency in Long-Range Radar Tech to Counter Chinese Threats



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India has made significant strides in developing long-range radar technology, achieving self-sufficiency and positioning itself competitively against established European systems and Chinese advancements. Key developments include the Swordfish Long Range

Tracking Radar and the Ashwini Low-Level Transportable Radar, designed to enhance ballistic missile defense and counter advanced aerial threats. This indigenous push, supported by the "Make in India" initiative, reflects India's strategic focus on addressing security challenges from Pakistan and China, while also aiming for cost-effective exports to compete in the global defense market. Overall, India's advancements signal a shift towards greater technological parity and strategic autonomy in defense capabilities.

Defense Policy and Budgeting

India's Long-Term Fighter Jet Strategy: Embrace Domestic Manufacturing



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India's defense sector is experiencing a significant transformation as the Ministry of Defence (MoD) resumes the procurement of a new fleet of multi-role fighter aircraft under the 'Make In India' initiative, essential for self-reliance and capability building. With defense exports soaring to ₹21,083 crore in FY24 and a target of ₹50,000 crore by 2029, the strategic shift towards domestic manufacturing is evident, with 75% of modernisation budgets allocated for indigenous procurement. The collaboration between public and private sectors is crucial, leveraging technological advancements and ensuring long-term commitments for sustainable defense capabilities. Analysts highlight the importance of fostering a robust aerospace ecosystem while negotiating for technology transfers and maintaining a focus on India's national security interests, avoiding past pitfalls in procurement processes. The emphasis on private sector involvement is seen as a catalyst for innovation and efficiency, paving the way for India to emerge as a global defense manufacturing hub.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

India's New Nuclear Submarine Base in Andhra Pradesh to Boost Naval Power



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India is set to enhance its maritime capabilities with the upcoming commissioning of a new nuclear submarine base at Rambilli, Andhra Pradesh, by 2026, which is strategically positioned to counter China's naval expansion in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). This base,

part of Project Varsha, includes sophisticated underground facilities and is designed to house India's growing fleet of nuclear submarines, including the soon-to-be-inducted INS Aridhaman. The facility will enable enhanced operational reach and stealth capabilities for deterrent patrols, reinforcing India's second-strike nuclear capability under its no-first-use policy. Concurrently, India is expanding its naval infrastructure at Karwar to support its Western Fleet, reflecting a comprehensive strategy to bolster maritime security amidst increasing regional tensions. Collectively, these developments signify India's commitment to maintaining security and operational flexibility in the increasingly contested IOR, ensuring its status as a formidable naval power.

Iran Rejects US Nuclear Talks as Threats Undermine Diplomacy

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Iran has dismissed the possibility of direct nuclear talks with the U.S., labeling them meaningless amidst conflicting messages and threats from Washington. Iranian officials emphasized their commitment to diplomacy but warned of readiness for any military confrontation, reflecting a belief that negotiations should not be paired with threats. Meanwhile, India has opted not to impose counter-tariffs on the U.S., focusing on ongoing trade negotiations instead, demonstrating its strategic preference for dialogue over economic isolation. This stance is critical as India aims to strengthen its geopolitical standing while navigating complex international relationships, particularly in light of regional security concerns involving Iran and Pakistan's ongoing terrorism issues.

India Raises Alarm Over Possible Chinese Airfield in Bangladesh

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India is closely monitoring reports about a potential Chinese airfield in Bangladesh's Lalmonirhat district, raising significant security concerns for the strategically vital Siliguri Corridor. This corridor connects India's northeastern states to the rest of the country and is crucial due to its narrow geography and proximity to China and Bangladesh. Although there is no official confirmation of the airfield's construction, discussions during a recent visit by Bangladesh's interim government head to China have fueled speculation. Analysts warn that such a facility could enhance China's military capabilities, increasing vulnerabilities for India in Sikkim and West Bengal,

prompting New Delhi to maintain a robust military presence in the region.

Iran-backed militias in Iraq prepare to disarm to avoid U.S. conflict.

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Iran-backed militias in Iraq are reportedly preparing to disarm to prevent escalating conflict with the U.S., following pressure from the Trump administration. Key militia leaders acknowledge the threat of U.S. airstrikes and are engaged in advanced discussions with Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani about disbandment, with options for political integration being considered. This development comes amid a precarious regional landscape for Tehran's influence, weakened by ongoing conflicts involving Hamas and Hezbollah. The situation underscores Iraq's challenging position in balancing its alliances with both the U.S. and Iran, as it seeks to control militias that have become significant military forces since the U.S. invasion in 2003.

India's Strategic Choice: Opting Out of SQUAD Alliance

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India's reluctance to join the SQUAD alliance stems from its wariness of US military commitments, heightened by past unpredictable policies. Unlike other SQUAD members, India values its non-aligned stance and prioritizes economic engagement with China, particularly given its recent efforts to improve bilateral ties. Additionally, India's naval limitations in the South China Sea and its ongoing border disputes with China make SQUAD's military focus misaligned with its strategic interests. By opting not to join, India seeks to maintain a balanced approach to regional security without escalating tensions, which could complicate its diplomatic relations with Beijing.

Tripura Leader Calls for Ocean Access to Empower Northeast India

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Pradyot Kishore Manikya Debbarma, leader of the Tipra Motha Party in Tripura, criticized India's historical decision to relinquish control over Chittagong port, calling it a significant mistake. He emphasized the need for a strategic sea route for India's northeastern states and advocated for supporting indigenous communities to reduce dependency on Bangladesh for ocean access. Debbarma countered remarks from Bangladesh's Chief Advisor, asserting that India's proximity to Chittagong port offers potential for

enhanced regional connectivity. His statements reflect a broader concern regarding reliance on Dhaka's policies, highlighting the importance of reasserting India's influence in maritime matters for northeastern states.

Amit Shah's Kashmir visit coincides with separatist leader's defection.

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Jammu and Kashmir coincided with another separatist leader, Bashir Ahmad Andrabi, quitting the Hurriyat Conference to pledge loyalty to the Indian Constitution. This follows a trend of former separatists distancing themselves from the defunct Hurriyat, which has seen a decline in credibility and public trust after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019. Notably, the cessation of separatist activities, including stone-pelting and shutdown calls, reflects a significant shift in the region's political landscape, aligning more closely with national integration and democratic values. These developments underscore the diminishing influence of separatist ideologies in the Valley.

Myanmar's Military Chief Praises Indian Army's Aid in Mandalay

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The head of Myanmar's military government, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, visited the Indian Army's field hospital in Mandalay, established under Operation Brahma to aid earthquake victims. The hospital has treated over 800 patients, conducted 20 life-saving surgeries, and symbolizes India's commitment to humanitarian assistance. Min expressed gratitude for India's swift support following the 7.7-magnitude earthquake that claimed over 3,000 lives. This mission not only reflects India's compassionate response to regional crises but also reinforces its strategic partnership with Myanmar, showcasing India's dedication to international solidarity and disaster relief efforts in the region.

Amit Shah assesses border security in Kathua during J&K visit

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah is currently on a three-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir, where he is assessing security situations along the India-Pakistan border, particularly in the Kathua district, which has seen recent militant encounters. Following a series of operations against infiltrating terrorists, Shah visited the BSF Border Outpost Vinay to evaluate ground realities and engaged in high-level meetings with security officials. His agenda also includes meeting the families of Jammu and Kashmir Police martyrs and reviewing ongoing development projects in the region. This visit underscores the government's commitment to enhancing border security and addressing militancy, which remains a significant challenge for stability in Jammu and Kashmir, especially amid ongoing tensions. Shah's engagements are positioned as part of a broader strategy to bolster local governance and security, reflecting the BJP's dedication to the prosperity of the region.

India-US Troops Enhance Combat Readiness in Joint Exercise

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Troops from India and the US recently conducted Exercise Tiger Triumph 2025 at the Duvvada Firing Range, enhancing combat interoperability and strengthening strategic defense ties. The joint training focused on small arms marksmanship, jungle warfare tactics, and integrated field craft, emphasizing hands-on leadership and practical engagement, with high-level participation from both militaries. This exercise

Military Operations

Pakistani Army's Ceasefire Violations in Poonch: India Responds

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Multiple reports highlight recent ceasefire violations by the Pakistani Army along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, with instances of unprovoked firing aimed at facilitating terrorist infiltration. The Indian Army has responded effectively, employing a calibrated strategy, including deploying around 4,000 highly trained Para commandos to thwart these infiltration attempts. Analysts note that such provocations are part of Pakistan's long-standing proxy war against India and serve to distract from its internal crises, such as political instability and security threats. Despite a ceasefire agreement established in 2021, incidents of violations have surged, indicating Pakistan's ongoing attempts to destabilize India through low-intensity conflicts while maintaining plausible deniability, thus underscoring the need for continued vigilance and robust defense measures by Indian forces.

underscores the commitment of both nations to collaborate effectively in addressing regional security challenges and humanitarian crises in the Indian Ocean Region. Additionally, HAL's recent 156 LCH helicopter deal includes a significant workshare commitment for Indian private sector companies, further bolstering India's defense industry and self-reliance in military capabilities.

INS Tarkash Enhances Maritime Ties with New Zealand in Gulf of Aden



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The Indian Navy's stealth frigate INS Tarkash conducted a Passex with the Royal New Zealand Navy's HMNZS Te Kaha in the Gulf of Aden, enhancing their bilateral maritime cooperation and interoperability through various drills. This exercise concluded the New Zealand-led CTF 150 Joint Focused Operation ANZAC Tiger, showcasing India's commitment to regional maritime stability and its role as a key security partner. The collaboration emphasizes the strengthening ties between India and New Zealand, reflecting a broader strategic approach to maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region. Additionally, amid global trade challenges, India is prioritizing ongoing trade negotiations with the US without imposing counter-tariffs.

Manipur Security Forces Seize Major Cache of Weapons in Thoubal



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Security forces in Manipur have successfully conducted multiple operations, seizing significant caches of arms and ammunition from various locations, including Thoubal and Imphal East districts. In the Thoubal district, they recovered a range of weapons, including rifles, grenades, and camouflage gear, while also engaging with armed miscreants suspected to be affiliated with the KCP(PWG). The operations demonstrate the proactive measures taken by Indian security forces to combat insurgency and restore peace in the region, showcasing their effectiveness in neutralizing threats and confiscating war-like stores. Such efforts emphasize the commitment of the Indian defense forces to safeguarding national security and public safety.

Indian Army Enhances Night Combat Skills with Desert Tank Drills



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The Indian Army recently conducted night tank drills in the desert sector, themed "Precision in the Dark," to

enhance tank crews' capabilities in identifying and neutralizing targets under low visibility conditions. This exercise, led by the Konark Corps, emphasized advanced maneuvers and showcased the Battle Axe Division's modernization efforts, aligning with India's strategic shift towards multi-domain warfare. Such drills are vital for addressing evolving security challenges along India's western border, demonstrating the Army's commitment to operational superiority and adaptability in modern combat. Overall, these exercises reflect a robust response to the unique challenges posed by desert warfare, ensuring the security of India's frontiers.

Security forces seize major weapon cache in J-K's Kupwara



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Security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district recently recovered a significant cache of weapons during a joint operation involving the police and the Army. The haul included a machine gun, seven hand grenades, and a substantial quantity of ammunition, alongside foreign-origin items like binoculars, solar-powered mobile chargers, and clothing, as well as Pakistan-made medicines. This operation underscores the ongoing vigilance and effectiveness of Indian security forces in countering militancy in the region, highlighting their commitment to maintaining stability and security in Jammu and Kashmir amidst persistent threats from cross-border terrorism. Such proactive measures are vital in safeguarding national interests and enhancing regional security.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

Surge in Terrorism in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Claims 152 Lives



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In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan, a surge in terrorism has resulted in 152 deaths and 302 injuries in the first quarter of 2025, with the majority of casualties being civilians. Security forces have reportedly killed 16 terrorists attempting to infiltrate from Afghanistan. Meanwhile, India is closely monitoring the situation regarding a potential Chinese airfield in Bangladesh near the strategically crucial Siliguri Corridor, which raises significant security concerns for its eastern border. This development reflects India's ongoing vigilance in response to regional threats, emphasizing the need for robust defense strategies to safeguard its

territorial integrity amid increased militant activities in neighboring countries.

26 Naxalites, including a commander, surrender in Chhattisgarh

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In Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district, 26 Naxalites surrendered to security forces, citing disillusionment with Maoist ideology and hardships of forest life. This included key figures with bounties, such as Rajesh Kashyap, who was a Janmilitia commander. This event is part of the ongoing 'Lon Varratu' campaign, which has seen 953 Naxalites surrender since its launch in June 2020, including 792 in the Bastar region in 2024 alone. The success of this campaign reflects the effectiveness of the security forces, including the CRPF, in reclaiming local populations from insurgency and restoring peace in the region.

Atlantic Bastion plan, includes deploying drones and collaborating with private firms to safeguard critical infrastructure. The Ministry of Defence emphasizes enhanced coordination with NATO allies to counter Russian threats. However, the sophistication and scale of these covert operations have raised alarms, suggesting a need for more aggressive deterrents, including potentially reintroducing Cold War-era sea mines, highlighting the evolving geopolitical landscape in the Atlantic.

How Agentic AI Will Transform Cybersecurity Jobs, Not Replace Them

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The emergence of agentic AI in cybersecurity, particularly through Microsoft's new AI agents for its security Copilot, is set to transform the role of cybersecurity professionals. While these autonomous systems can automate repetitive tasks, experts argue they will not entirely replace human roles but rather reshape them, emphasizing the need for professionals to upskill. The AI's ability to handle threat detection could help bridge the talent gap in the cybersecurity domain, yet strategic thinking and creativity remain human strengths. Ultimately, professionals who embrace AI will thrive, while those resistant to change may struggle to stay relevant in an evolving landscape.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Experts Warn: Cybersecurity Essential for Next-Gen Vehicles

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Next-generation vehicles are increasingly vulnerable to cybersecurity threats such as GPS signal spoofing and remote control of critical systems, prompting experts to assert that automotive cybersecurity will soon become as essential as airbags. Companies like Tata Motors are proactively adopting advanced security measures, including layered approaches and continuous monitoring, while the Pune-based firm HackersEra develops tailored defense systems for various connectivity risks. As India prepares for automotive cybersecurity standards like AIS 189, the industry is shifting to prioritize digital safety, with consumer expectations evolving to include vehicle security alongside traditional performance metrics. This trend signifies a pivotal transition in automotive safety and regulation, underscoring a collective responsibility for cybersecurity in the automotive ecosystem.

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AWWA Rebrands to Army Women Welfare Association for Inclusivity

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The Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA) has rebranded itself as the Army Women Welfare Association to enhance inclusivity and better represent its mission, which now includes support for all spouses, dependents, veterans, and veer naaris, as well as unmarried and divorced daughters of army personnel. This change aims to address misconceptions regarding its scope and bolster welfare initiatives for families of soldiers, emphasizing the importance of family support for troop performance. The rebranding aligns with a broader trend seen in military organizations, like the recent renaming of the Navy Wives Welfare Association, which underscores a commitment to enhance outreach and empowerment initiatives for women across India's defense community.

Russian Spy Devices Found in UK Waters: Security Concerns Rise

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British military officials have uncovered covert Russian sensors in UK waters, believed to be monitoring nuclear submarines and undersea communication cables, prompting security concerns amid escalating Russian surveillance activities. The UK's response, under the

Punjab CM links Sikh Regiment recruitment drop to youth issues SHARE

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Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has expressed concern over declining recruitment in the Indian Army's Sikh Regiment, attributing this to youth migration and drug addiction, which hinder physical fitness. Brigadier (retd) I S Gakhal echoed these concerns, highlighting the need for better engagement with the youth and promotion of the Agnipath recruitment scheme. Despite these challenges, initiatives are being implemented to raise awareness and prepare candidates for military service, with over 10,000 youths registered for coaching. The potential decline in recruitment may necessitate significant changes within the Sikh Regiment, emphasizing the importance of state support in revitalizing interest in military careers.

Four Indian Army Units Honored with VCOAS Citations for Excellence SHARE

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Four units of the Indian Army were awarded the VCOAS Unit citations by Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani, recognizing their outstanding professionalism, resilience, and commitment. The ceremony highlighted the importance of innovation and adaptability in a dynamic security environment, underscoring the need for the Indian Army to stay proactive. The VCOAS citation signifies exemplary service and operational excellence, which are crucial for the Indian Army's mission. This recognition not only boosts morale among the troops but also reinforces the importance of maintaining high standards of operational readiness, reflecting India's commitment to a robust defense posture amidst evolving challenges.

Miscellaneous

CDS Advocates for 'Space Culture' as Warfare Domain Evolves SHARE

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India's Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan emphasized the necessity of developing a "space culture" as space emerges as a critical domain of warfare during the Indian DefSpace Symposium. He announced plans for a military space doctrine and a national military space policy to be unveiled soon, aiming to enhance military capabilities and protect space assets. The CDS called for seminal research and dedicated institutions to ideate on space warfare,

aligning with India's push for a secure, self-reliant space ecosystem amid increasing public-private partnerships. Furthermore, former Indian Air Force chief V.R. Chaudhari highlighted the transition to smaller, more capable satellites, urging India to leverage emerging opportunities in resilient space constellations and advanced technologies, reinforcing India's strategic position in the global space arena.

India's Steadfast Support for Sri Lanka: A Familial Bond SHARE

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India's unwavering support for Sri Lanka was highlighted during Prime Minister Modi's recent visit, where he emphasized the longstanding historical and cultural ties between the two nations. Sri Lanka's Defense Ministry acknowledged India's assistance in bolstering its maritime capabilities and addressing regional security challenges. Key agreements were signed, including on defense cooperation and infrastructure development. Notable projects like the refurbishment of the Maho-Omanthai railway line and the construction of solar energy initiatives were also initiated, showcasing India's commitment to Sri Lanka's economic recovery and development. This collaboration reinforces India's Neighbourhood First policy and strengthens bilateral relations, positioning India as a vital partner in ensuring stability in the Indian Ocean Region.

Nagaland awaits Amit Shah's reply on Naga political talks, says CM Rio. SHARE

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The Nagaland government is awaiting a response from Union Home Minister Amit Shah regarding an all-party delegation meeting to discuss the Naga Political Issue and the Free Movement Regime with Myanmar, as highlighted by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio. Despite past agreements with various Naga groups, a final resolution remains pending, with Rio emphasizing the need for inclusivity and ongoing engagement. The Chief Minister's approach encourages equal closeness with all factions, aiming to foster cooperation and resolve existing divisions. Additionally, India is enhancing defense ties with the US through joint military exercises, underscoring its strategic focus on regional stability amid complex geopolitical challenges.

India Chooses Not to Impose Counter-Tariffs on US, Focuses on Trade Negotiations

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India has decided not to impose counter-tariffs against the US, despite President Trump's 26% tariffs on imports, focusing instead on ongoing trade negotiations aimed at concluding a deal by autumn 2025. This strategy positions India advantageously over other Asian nations affected by US tariffs, such as China and Vietnam. The Indian government has already taken steps to appease the US by reducing tariffs on certain products. However, the US tariffs could negatively impact India's economic growth and jeopardize jobs in vulnerable sectors like diamonds, highlighting the delicate balance India seeks to maintain in its trade relations while safeguarding its economy.

Indian Army Hosts Cultural and Sports Fest to Empower Women

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The Spear Corps of the Indian Army organized a vibrant two-day cultural and sports event in Kaying, Arunachal Pradesh, showcasing the talents of over 150 women and girls. The festivities included performances celebrating local heritage and competitive sports like badminton and football, where ten teams displayed exceptional teamwork and enthusiasm. This initiative not only fostered skills but also promoted confidence and community among participants, reflecting the Army's commitment to empowering women and supporting unity in society. Such events underscore the Indian Army's role in fostering social development alongside national security, highlighting its dedication to creating inclusive opportunities.

Mother of IAF pilot urges reform after recent Jaguar jet crash

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Kavita Gadgil, mother of a late IAF pilot, expressed deep concern over the recent crash of an IAF Jaguar fighter jet, emphasizing that outdated aircraft like the Jaguar and MiG-21 have claimed many lives due to negligence. Her emotional plea highlights the need for accountability and reform within the Indian defense apparatus, criticizing the government for prioritizing innovation while ignoring safety issues. She calls for a collective demand for better safety measures, noting that many pilots deserve more than the "state-sanctioned violence" of flying antiquated machines.

Gadgil's advocacy for reform underscores the urgent need to ensure the safety of Indian aircrew.

Sebi fines Reliance Securities Rs 7 lakh for regulatory breaches.

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Sebi has imposed a penalty of Rs 7 lakh on Reliance Securities for failing to comply with stock broking norms, including inaccuracies in daily margin statements and non-adherence to risk-based supervision guidelines. The inspection revealed that Reliance Securities reported incorrect financial data and failed to capture cash collateral information, along with adverse findings in cybersecurity audits over three periods. The firm also improperly passed upfront penalties to clients, contravening regulations. This incident underscores the importance of regulatory compliance and robust cybersecurity measures within the financial sector, reflecting Sebi's commitment to maintaining industry integrity.

Banks propose using Election Commission data to spot mule accounts.

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In a bid to combat financial fraud, Indian banks are proposing the use of Election Commission data to verify accounts at risk of being used as 'mule' accounts for illicit money transfers. Recommendations include capping transactions for accounts opened without a PAN and improving cybersecurity measures through unified frameworks across banks. Additionally, demographic hotspots have been identified for extra precautions in account openings. The focus on limiting transactions and ensuring due diligence highlights a proactive approach to enhancing security and reducing financial crime, underscoring the importance of a robust regulatory framework in safeguarding the banking system.

Canadian PM Carney Visits Toronto Temple Amid Hindu Concerns

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Canadian PM Mark Carney visited the BAPS Toronto Temple on Ram Navami, appreciating the Hindu community's traditions, which coincides with the upcoming federal elections in Canada. This visit has sparked discussions on the political representation of Hindus in Canada, with the Hindu Canadian Foundation highlighting ongoing challenges such as underrepresentation and rising anti-Hindu sentiment from separatist groups. Although the Hindu community has made significant contributions to Canadian society,

they often remain politically inactive, calling for more government action to address their concerns. This situation underscores the importance of fostering inclusivity and representation for diverse communities in Canadian politics.

President Droupadi Murmu's Lisbon Visit Strengthens India-Portugal Ties SHARE

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President Droupadi Murmu's visit to Portugal marks the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Portugal, emphasizing collaborations in renewable energy, education, and defense. She is set to engage in high-level talks with Portuguese leaders and the Indian community, aiming to bolster bilateral ties and discuss the India-EU Free Trade Agreement. Following Portugal, she will visit Slovakia, the first Indian presidential visit in 29 years, to enhance cooperation with Slovak leaders. This diplomatic outreach underscores India's commitment to strengthening ties with European nations, reflecting a strategic emphasis on collaboration in diverse sectors, including defense, which is crucial for India's global positioning.

C-DAC Encouraged to Collaborate with Private Sector for Innovation SHARE

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The recent call for collaboration between the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and the private sector highlights India's commitment to enhancing technological innovation, particularly through initiatives like the VEGA program for open-source chip design. Government representatives emphasized the importance of technology transfer to capable partners for scalability and sustainability. ISRO Chairman V Narayanan pointed out that external technology denials have spurred India's self-reliance, showcasing C-DAC's supercomputer and ISRO's advancements as triumphs in overcoming such challenges. This initiative reflects India's strategic shift towards fostering domestic capabilities and partnerships to ensure robust defense and technological growth.

Entity Locker: MeitY's Secure Cloud Solution for India's Digital Future SHARE

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The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) has launched Entity Locker, a cloud-based system aimed at enhancing document storage, verification, and sharing for various organizations in India, including government agencies and businesses.

This initiative addresses inefficiencies and security vulnerabilities associated with traditional document management, promoting a digital ecosystem of trust. With robust security features like encryption and multi-factor authentication, Entity Locker also simplifies compliance with regulatory requirements by providing auditable and tamper-proof document storage. The positive response from sectors such as finance and healthcare indicates strong demand for secure digital transformation solutions, aligning with the government's Digital India initiative.

PDP leader challenges Speaker over statehood resolutions bias SHARE

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PDP leader Waheed Ur Rehman Para has criticized Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather for allowing multiple resolutions on statehood while excluding his Martyrs Day resolution, previously scrapped after the abrogation of Article 370. Para argues this procedural oversight undermines legislative integrity and suggests a deliberate attempt to divert focus from the special status of Jammu and Kashmir. He questions the legitimacy of introducing several nearly identical statehood resolutions, which could mislead the public into thinking there is unanimous support for statehood while overshadowing the Assembly's prior resolution regarding special status. This controversy highlights ongoing tensions in Jammu and Kashmir's political landscape post-abrogation.

Chennai Court Lifts Warrant Against ideaForge CFO Amid Cyber Case SHARE

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A Chennai court has revoked the non-bailable warrant against Vipul Joshi, CFO of ideaForge Technology Limited, due to his appearance in court related to a cybercrime case. The complaint alleges that ideaForge sold 15 drones, worth Rs 2.2 crore, which were reportedly hacked to damage the client's business, impacting government projects worth Rs 70 crore. The company contends that the customer attempted to misrepresent their technology and made false allegations after being confronted. The matter reflects ongoing challenges in the defense technology sector, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding intellectual property and maintaining customer trust. The next hearing is scheduled for April 28, 2025.

Adani Ports Launches Colombo Terminal, Boosting India-Sri Lanka Ties



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Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd. has officially commenced operations at the Colombo West International Terminal in Sri Lanka, marking an \$800 million investment aimed at transforming the terminal into a major transshipment hub in South Asia. This project, developed under a public-private partnership and set to handle 3.2 million TEUs annually, underscores the growing strategic ties between India and Sri Lanka. Gautam Adani highlighted the terminal's role in enhancing global trade and connectivity while creating thousands of local jobs. The initiative reflects India's commitment to regional cooperation and infrastructure development, fostering stronger economic ties in the Indian Ocean region.

All-Women Tri-Services Expedition Samudra Pradakshina Sets Sail



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A tri-services all-women Circumnavigation Sailing Expedition, Samudra Pradakshina, was flagged off on April 7, 2025, from Mumbai, featuring a 12-member crew from the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force. This pioneering initiative promotes gender parity in maritime endeavors while honoring India's legendary warrior queens. The crew, selected from 41 volunteers, has undergone rigorous training for two years and will navigate 4,000 nautical miles to Seychelles and back over 55 days. The expedition showcases the empowerment of women in the armed forces and reaffirms India's commitment to inclusivity and excellence in maritime operations, demonstrating that Nari Shakti can conquer any challenge.

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Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
TANEJAERO	296.05	296.05	296.05	296.05	1913	-1.99	41.75	314.87	457.53
CFE	447.4	447.4	447.4	447.4	11800	-1.99	47.92	442.25	646.3
DATAPATNS	1392.25	1654.0	1392.25	1642.7	656539	-2.29	45.19	1675.68	2418.57
ASTRAMICRO	640.0	666.55	631.0	660.8	211007	-2.36	48.24	664.74	795.64
MTARTECH	1169.55	1264.35	1155.6	1248.65	139428	-2.48	41.17	1310.1	1662.37
HIGHENE	451.0	495.0	451.0	482.9	6749	-2.58	47.7	484.42	637.94
BEL	257.0	274.5	256.2	272.1	24954083	-2.82	41.86	287.45	290.46
SOLARINDS	10283.0	10807.95	9888.4	10645.25	139771	-3.11	56.53	10529.17	10357.07
LMW	14900.0	14900.0	14469.05	14636.35	4651	-3.34	39.58	15623.4	15981.97
PTC	143.99	159.85	143.01	157.91	1454306	-3.64	50.5	159.78	179.88
COCHINSHIP	1234.95	1345.0	1224.55	1338.3	1232611	-3.77	44.92	1384.44	1726.7
MIDHANI	233.3	261.0	233.0	258.4	529952	-4.38	41.94	275.35	364.43
LOKESHMACH	0.0	159.25	159.25	159.25	4069	-4.44	42.1	152.5	339.27
NIBE	1200.3	1200.3	1200.3	1200.3	2481	-5.0	61.39	978.64	1643.85
ZENTEC	1377.2	1398.0	1377.2	1377.2	176236	-5.0	49.76	1352.87	1698.65
DCXINDIA	200.1	219.45	200.1	217.12	991252	-5.15	35.69	233.66	327.2
HBLPOWER	440.2	490.2	440.1	481.45	2329262	-5.22	50.38	464.87	570.96
ADANIENT	2150.05	2239.0	2145.0	2212.7	1567177	-5.22	42.0	2305.74	2711.18
MARINE	155.34	164.65	155.34	163.31	454056	-5.39	45.64	167.9	225.35
AVANTEL	103.0	107.87	102.2	106.39	1376425	-5.4	38.56	114.16	-
HAL	3821.0	4046.15	3820.1	4008.2	3022372	-5.45	55.81	3862.28	4346.53
PREMEXPLN	310.0	342.0	310.0	338.15	300143	-5.49	43.44	350.2	511.53
LT	3049.05	3090.6	2965.3	3068.5	4953864	-5.88	30.9	3326.26	3547.51
SIKA	572.0	604.0	520.3	595.0	54857	-5.94	57.55	562.48	531.32
BDL	1152.2	1275.0	1141.2	1255.45	1735120	-6.16	53.8	1230.49	1238.32
AZAD	1181.0	1248.0	1159.45	1218.25	293789	-6.33	36.84	1346.4	1569.53
IDEAFORGE	306.0	331.95	304.2	327.55	402370	-6.41	37.71	357.25	603.76
BEML	2452.55	2815.95	2451.3	2765.35	622242	-6.41	45.53	2802.84	3792.67
GRSE	1420.1	1540.0	1405.0	1523.5	1453310	-6.89	47.29	1562.01	1733.36
PARAS	821.8	929.8	821.3	917.7	249970	-6.93	43.74	957.98	1105.11
ROSSELLIND	65.03	68.99	61.22	66.09	145357	-6.97	56.95	60.64	239.0
BHARATFORG	925.0	959.85	919.1	951.6	3849870	-7.26	28.74	1116.68	1387.98
KRISHNADEF	649.0	685.0	623.0	664.9	112000	-7.34	52.19	635.49	711.57
APOLLO	108.99	110.99	105.3	108.15	7149355	-7.36	38.27	118.96	110.35
MAZDOCK	2221.05	2373.65	2200.0	2317.3	4104683	-8.85	43.07	2502.41	2283.37